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Turkey Grain and Feed Changes to Grain Tariffs 2009

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Report Highlights:

Turkey's new tariff schedule was published in the Official Gazette on December 31, 2008 and entered into force on January 01, 2009. The tariff schedule, prepared by the Undersecretariat of Foreign Trade and approved by the Council of Ministers, raises tariffs on wheat, barley, rye and oats from 50% to 80%. Corn and sorghum tariff rates remain at 130%. The rate for red lentils and other legumes remains at 5% and 19.3%, respectively and the tariffs for rice have not changed.

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Tariffs often are adjusted in response to supply and demand. Wheat, barley, rye, and oat tariff rates were increased from 50% to 80%. It is expected that these will increase to the maximum bound rate of 130% on May 15th. Because of record high corn production levels in 2008, it is not surprising that corn, sorghum and millet tariffs remain at 130%.

A drought in MY 2007/08 drastically reduced red lentil production, therefore lentil tariffs remain at only 5%. The rice tariff remains at between 12 and 45%.

Table: TURKEY'S TARIFFS ON GRAINS

	NEW '	TARIFF RATE	LATEST T	ARIFF RATE	PREVIOUS TARIFF RATE			
PRODUCTS	CUSTOMS DUTY	DATE OF CHANGE	CUSTOMS DUTY	DATE OF CHANGE	CUSTOMS DUTY	DATE OF CHANGE		
WHEAT								
Spelt, common wheat and meslin (excl. seed)	80 ¹	12.31.2008	50	05.15.2008	0	02.23.2008		
Durum Wheat	80 ¹	12.31.2008	50	05.15.2008	0	02.23.2008		
Common wheat, Durum wheat and meslin seed	0	12.31.2008	0	12.31.2007	0	12.31.2007		
CORN								
Maize Seed	0	12.31.2008	0	12.31.2007	0	12.31.2007		
Popcorn, Unpopped, (excluding seed)	130	12.31.2008	130	12.31.2007	130	12.31.2007		
Other Corn	130	12.31.2008	130	11.12.2008	50	07.31.2008		
BARLEY								
Barley Seed	0	12.31.2008	0	12.31.2007	0	12.31.2007		
Barley (excluding seed)	80 ¹	12.31.2008	50	05.15.2008	0	12.31.2007		

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RYE								
Rye Seed	0	12.31.2008	0	12.31.2007	0	12.31.2007		
Rye (excluding seed)	80 ¹	12.31.2008	50	05.15.2008	0	02.23.2008		
OAT								
Oat Seed	0	12.31.2008	0	12.31.2007	0	12.31.2007		
Oat (excluding seed)	80 ¹	12.31.2008	50	05.15.2008	0	02.23.2008		
SORGHUM								
Sorghum Seed	0	12.31.2008	0	12.31.2007	0	12.31.2007		
Sorghum (excluding seed)	130	12.31.2008	130	11.12.2008	50	07.31.2008		
RICE								
Rice in husk for sowing	12 ²	12.31.2008	12	12.31.2007	12	12.31.2007		
Round, medium, long grain rice in husk	34	12.31.2008	34	12.31.2007	34	12.31.2007		
Round, medium, long husked rice	36	12.31.2008	36	12.31.2007	36	12.31.2007		
Semi milled, wholly milled, broken rice	45	12.31.2008	45	12.31.2007	45	12.31.2007		
LENTILS								
Red and Green lentils seed	0	12.31.2008	0	07.04.2008	0	12.31.2007		
Red and Green lentils (excluding seed)	5 ²	12.31.2008	5	07.04.2008	19.3	12.31.2007		

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	CUSTOMS DUTY	DATE OF CHANGE	CUSTOMS DUTY	DATE OF CHANGE	CUSTOMS DUTY	DATE OF CHANGE		
LEGUMES								
Legume seeds	0	12.31.2008	0	07.04.2008	0	12.31.2007		
Peas, chickpeas, beans (excluding seed)	19.3	12.31.2008	19.3	12.31.2007	19.3	12.31.2007		

⁽¹⁾ It is expected that this duty will be 130% after 05.15.2009

⁽²⁾ A 1% tariff rate is applied if a pre-notification document from the Ministry of Agriculture, as required by the Seed Importation Decree, is submitted to customs authorities.